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For GAS OPENING/CLOSING PIN

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant requests entry of the following amendments:

In the Abstract

On page 12, at line 14, delete "FIG. 5".

In the Claims

Please amend claims 5-7 to read as follows (a marked up version of these claims being appended hereto):

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| 1    | 5. A gas opening/closing pin according to claim 1, wherein the gas opening/closing    |
| 2    | pin is made of a metal.   |
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| 1    | 6. A gas opening/closing pin according to claim 1, wherein the outer periphery of the |
| 2    | upper end portion of the gas opening/closing pin is chamfered.                        |
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| 1    | 7. A gas opening/closing pin according to claim 1, wherein the gas opening/closing    |
| 2    | pin is made of a nonmetal.  |
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